

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 627

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize David Crockett Elementary School upon being named Tennessee's 2012 National Title I Distinguished School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those schools that excel in the education and guidance of our youth; and

WHEREAS, David Crockett Elementary School (DCES) is one such institution that was recently recognized as the State's National Title I Distinguished School; and

WHEREAS, the national honor acknowledges schools that have demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years and have met or exceeded state standards for making adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two or more consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these criteria, DCES demonstrated proficiency in six qualifying categories: teaching and learning based on the approved state curriculum; use of research-based instructional strategies; opportunities provided for all students to achieve; coordination of Title I program with other programs; implementation of sustained research-based professional development; and established partnerships with parents, families, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the talented students and the devoted faculty at DCES are most deserving of this honor and inspire schools across the State with their remarkable achievement; and

WHEREAS, DCES Principal Anne Ray and faculty members Brad Rochelle, Allison Skinner, Nelda Eledge, Annette Glover, Janice Curtis, and Laura Merriman received special recognition at the National Title I Conference in Seattle, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff also appreciated the help and leadership of Jerry Campbell, Board of Education Chairman; Dr. Bill Heath, Director of Schools; J. Mack Chandler, County Executive; and Dr. Vicki Maddox, Supervisor of Instruction; and

WHEREAS, to accept their award, DCES officials, along with officials from the other forty-nine schools selected, will attend a ceremony in Washington, D.C., where they will be recognized before both bodies of Congress; and

WHEREAS, this recent honor is not the first for the Lawrence County elementary school, as DCES also received Title I recognition in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of our students and educators and, thanks to the efforts of institutions like David Crockett Elementary School, Tennessee will continue to make enormous strides in education for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the administration, faculty, and students of David Crockett Elementary School upon their school being named Tennessee's 2012 National Title I Distinguished School and extend to the DCES faculty and students our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.